

Minutes approved August 20, 2014

**Town Meeting Coordinating Committee
Minutes for Tuesday, June 24, 2014, 2:00-4:00 PM
First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall**

Present: Peggy Roberts, Mary Streeter, Alan Powell, Nonny Burack, Melissa Perot, Patricia Holland.

Absent: TracyLee Boutilier.

Peggy called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

1. **Election of Officers:** Nonny nominated Peggy for President. We discussed Mary's concern that she would like to be able to attend the meeting that includes the Select Board, Moderator, Chair of the Finance Committee, and Town Manager and discusses the TM warrant. She would like us to vote to let two members attend. We also discussed many issues about the mechanics of TM, why petition articles have such an early deadline. Alan moved we approve the TMCC's current slate of officers. The vote was unanimous. Melissa said in her view TMCC was the key to having a successful Town Meeting.
2. **Evaluations of TMCC Events: Warrant Review:** Comments on the Warrant Review mainly concerned the poor audio. We need to review the sound system for the Town Meeting Room by contacting Kris Pacunas. We also need a wireless microphone and for that we will need to contact both Kris and John Musante. We should have more copies of the warrant to pass out. We need to allow more time, 2.5 hours. Peggy wants an electronic pointer and Alan said he would get one. Mary suggested asking the Town Boards to do presentations. Melissa suggested we have no questions or discussion at the Warrant Review and use precinct meetings for those. Nonny thought we should ask speakers to explain what will happen if an article is not passed as well as if passed. **Precinct Meetings:** Alan suggested we have four meetings at different times in different locations. Melissa proposed dropping the term 'precinct'. **Bus Tour:** We need more mikes. Alan said they cost from \$250 to \$650, battery-powered. Mary suggested we have more representatives from town departments and committees; Melissa objected. Alan commented we need more information beforehand. Mary thought we should extend the trip to 2.5 hours. We all thought the bus driver was excellent. **Orientation:** Someone suggested having an on-line video to supplement the video. Others suggested name tags. A bigger room was mentioned, perhaps the Black Box room at the Middle School.
3. **Survey Results:** Mary handed out a chart of answers to our survey about how TM members find out about TM issues. She pointed out that 50 replies to the survey were turned in at TM and 8 more turned into Town Hall. Top answers: What prompted you to join TM? 38 said to have a voice in decisions; how did you find out about the candidates? 46 said the LWV guide in the *Bulletin*; How did you expand your understanding of the issues? 46 said mailed packets; What TMCC programs helped you prepare? 34 said precinct meetings.
4. **Select Board Comments:** Not yet received.
5. **Summer Projects:** TM will start Wed, Nov. 5, with the auditorium scheduled through Dec. 12. So we want our Warrant Review on October 14 (first choice) or the 16th. We will publicize this. Peggy will call Deborah to find out when the warrant is signed. We discussed petitions and

forums. We all agreed that getting access to information is essential to fulfilling our mission of providing information.

6. **Minutes of April 23 and June 17:** We approved the minutes of April 23 as amended. We did not have time for those of June 17.
7. **Topics the Chair did not reasonably anticipate 48 hours before the meeting:** Walter Wolnik wrote to Peggy asking for a five-minute comment period on the agenda. We agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM. The next meeting will be July 16 at 1:30.

Submitted by Patricia Holland, Clerk.

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Agenda

Draft of TMCC minutes of 6/17/14

Draft of TMCC Survey Comments Spring 2014

Tabulated results of TMCC Survey Comments Spring 2014